GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF GOM
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a Group of Ministers to suggest a comprehensive legislation bringing the judiciary, legislature and executive under the Lok Pal`s ambit and broaden the Lok Pal`s horizon as reported in the Hindustan Times dated January 8, 2005;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the Government is reviewing the procedure to sack judges;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any judge has been removed from his post through impeachment till date; and

(f) if not, the justification for making this provision?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTRY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a) & (b): The Government has set up a Group of Ministers to consider amendments to the draft Lokpal Bill, 2004. The Group of Ministers is deliberating on various provisions of the Lokpal Bill, 2004 to make recommendations thereon.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): For impeachment of the Judges, the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968 is in place which is meant to regulate the procedure for the investigation and proof of the misbehavior or incapacity of a Judge of the Supreme Court or of a High Court and for the presentation of an address by Parliament to the President and for matters connected therewith.